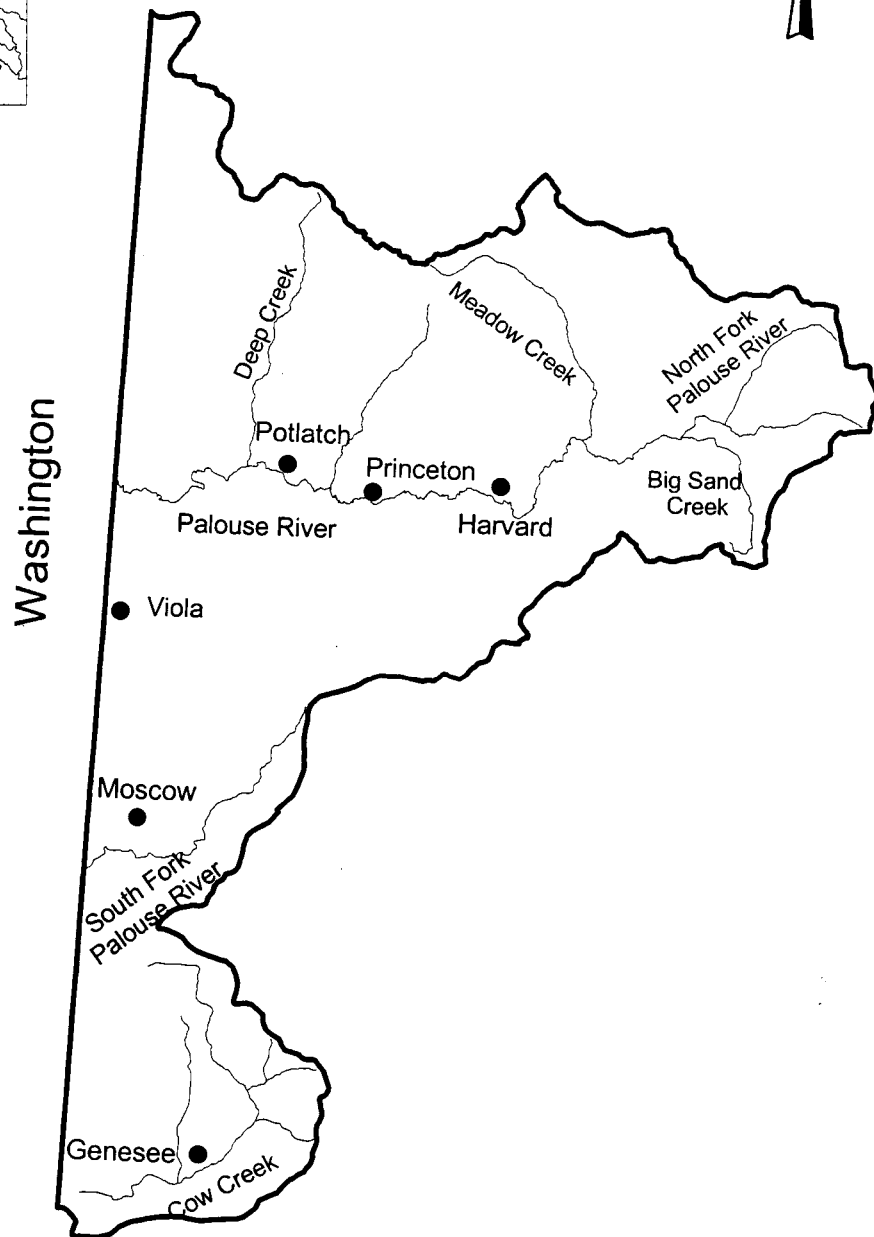
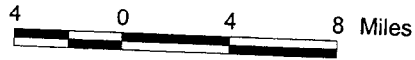


Palouse River Drainage



4. PALOUSE RIVER DRAINAGE

A. Overview

The Palouse River drains from a timbered, mountainous area with elevations ranging to 5,000 feet through rolling hills developed as agricultural land at an elevation of 2,500 feet near the Idaho-Washington border. The upper reaches of the Palouse drainage have been extensively roaded, logged and dredge mined, while the lower areas have been intensively farmed. The only remaining trout habitat in the drainage is located near the headwaters. Substantial improvements in fish populations in the drainage will necessitate rebuilding riparian habitat that will increase flow and reduce water temperature during the summer.

B. Objectives and Programs

1. Objective: Improve fish habitat.

Program: Work with U.S. Forest Service, Department of Lands, University of Idaho, and private landowners to protect and improve habitat.

2. Objective: Increase fishing opportunities with small reservoirs.

Program: Work with public and private landowners to identify potential new small reservoir sites and initiate process for construction.

Drainage: PALOUSE RIVER					
Water	Miles/acre	Fishery			Management Direction
		Type	Species Present	Management	
Palouse River from Washington border to headwaters, including tributaries	70/	Mixed	Rainbow trout Brown trout Brook trout Largemouth bass Smallmouth bass	Put-and-take trout	Stock with catchable rainbow trout where returns to the creel can be maximized. Assess need for further warmwater fish enhancement in the drainage. Develop catchable trout ponds in reclaimed mining areas. Cooperative project w/USFS